

***TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2008***

The meeting was called to order at 6:25pm. Selectmen present were: Wes Moore and Michael Woodworth. Others present were: Rosanne Gilbert, Sue McKinnon, Eugene Perreault, and John Hayden.

Eugene Perreault advised the Selectmen that he has received the paperwork from the State of New Hampshire confirming his appointment as Health Officer for the Town of Newfields.

Wes made a motion to accept the Crisp Abatement Application. Michael seconded the motion and the motion passed with both in favor. The Abatement Application was signed by both of them.

Wes made a motion to approve the Verizon Abatement Applications for 2006 and 2007 per the Order of the Court. Both Abatement Applications were signed by Wes and Mike.

The Selectmen reviewed Clay Mitchell's monthly update. Clay has re-scheduled his review time with the Selectmen to next Tuesday night. Clay will be asked to send an electronic version of his proposed contract to the Town Office for final review.

Sue McKinnon refreshed the Selectmen on the status of the Haydens' application for a Discretionary Easement. The application was submitted last summer and has been on hold awaiting further documents.

John Hayden met with the Selectmen to discuss the renewal of the Discretionary Easement on a portion of his family's land. He gave the application to the Town Clerk last summer, but has not received a notice of approval. John was advised that the Selectmen are waiting for an appraisal (to be obtained by the Haydens) justifying the value of the land. Once the appraisal has been submitted, the Selectmen will complete the process of assigning a value to the land and approving the application. As it appears there has been some miscommunication between the Board of Selectmen and the Haydens, the deadline to receive the appraisal has been extended to May 1st, 2008.

The Selectmen confirmed with John that the Haydens are responsible for and will pay for the costs of writing the Discretionary Deed to be signed by the Selectmen along with the costs associated with recording that deed at the Registry of Deeds.

Wes made a motion to accept the bid from Moulton's 4 Season Services as the landscaper for the Town of Newfields for one year. Michael seconded the motion and the motion passed with both in favor.

Wes made a motion to authorize the Conservation Commission to post the Town Forest Trails as "closed" for the 2007 mud season. Michael seconded the motion and the motion passed with both in favor.

Bill Dawson asked whether or not the Sign Ordinance has been updated and if the current Ordinance is in effect. The Board invites Mr. Dawson to meet with them to discuss the matter.

The MS-2 was tabled until next week when the full Board of Selectmen will be in attendance.

Wes volunteered to draft the letter to Southeast Land Trust of New Hampshire outlining the changes to the Piscassic Greenway Management Plan being requested by the Town.

The Community Action Report from the State of New Hampshire Department of Revenue was reviewed.

Wes made a motion to approve the proposal from Gordon Fowler to install a new roof on the front of the Town Hall (saving the slate removed by stacking it on pallets) at a cost up to \$14,500. Michael seconded the motion and the motion passed with both in favor.

Correspondence from the Lane Law Offices was reviewed with regard to the cell tower. As not all of the items agreed upon in the original agreement were completed, the Selectmen did not sign an agreement to extend the height of the cell tower. The Town has been advised that the noise mitigation has now been completed. The landscaping cannot be completed until the ground thaws. Light Tower is willing to give a check to the Town in lieu of a bond to guarantee that the landscaping will be completed by July 1st, 2008. Michael volunteered to contact Fran Lane for additional information on this.

The Selectmen asked if a response had been received from Elizabeth Hackett with regard to the letter sent to her dated March 10th, 2008 about the occupancy of her new dwelling without an Occupancy Permit from the Building Inspector. A response has not been received as of today. Nancy Spencer advised the Selectmen that Larry Shaw, the Building Inspector, does not issue Temporary Occupancy Certificates. Nancy was asked to call Elizabeth and advise her that a response to the Selectmen's letter to her must be received by the Town Office no later than March 25th, 2008 and also that the Building Inspector does not issue Temporary Occupancy Certificates.

An Inventory Form that was returned to the Town Office with comments written on it was reviewed by the Selectmen.

The Special Permit Application for the Town of Newfields 2008 was received from Dragon Mosquito Control, Inc. It is available for public review in the Town Office. The Bernier Planning Board Application and associated fees were discussed again and Wes informed the others that according to the Local Government Center the Board of Selectmen has no authority to waive Planning Board fees.

Wes made a motion to accept the Minutes of the March 4th, 2008 meeting as written. Michael seconded the motion and the motion passed with both in favor.

Michael gave an update on the search for a new auditing firm to complete the annual audits for the Town.

At 8:25pm Wes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Michael seconded the motion and the motion passed with both in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Spencer
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